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BEACH CAMPING AVAILABLE AT GRAND ISLE STATE PARK

Beach camping is returning to Grand Isle State Park beginning Friday, Jan. 6. The beach has 10 camping permits for overnight stays in the area between the west bathhouse and the western park boundary. Only tent camping is available as vehicles are not permitted on the beach.

The campsites can be reserved for \$12 per night, by calling 1.877.226.7652 or visiting www.ReserveAmerica.com. Additional campsites may be added in the future, depending upon space availability and environmental concerns.

Beach camping has been closed since early 2005 due to damage caused by erosion. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, along with Hurricane Gustav in 2008, caused further erosion problems despite Corps of Engineers stabilization projects. The most recent Corps erosion project expanded the existing breakwater barriers at the east end of the island and stabilized the beach area to a level that allows camping.

Grand Isle State Park is located on the east end of Grand Isle, of La. 1 on Admiral Craik Drive. The only state-owned and operated beach on the Louisiana Gulf Coast, the site offers excellent fishing, crabbing and camping opportunities. For more information about Grand Isle or other State Parks, visit www.LaStateParks.com.

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